One-Third of the Stock Was Taken Up Last

Night-The incorporators of the Richmond Ba-eball Clun and a number of interested citizens met at Murphy's Hotel last night and informally discussed the prospects of the national game in Richmond the

coming season. Those at the meeting were enthusiastic Those at the meeting were entausiastic over the prospects, and the secretary reported that one-third of the stock had been taken, and many fans had expressed themselves as being ready to do their share. A number of enthusiasts who could not be present at the meeting on account of the disagreeable weather, and for other good reasons, sent messages, stating that they would subscribe to the

It was thought by President Donati that all the stock would be disposed of before the league meeting in Norfolk next Wednesday.

Major Wm. H. Sands, counsel for the company, in a short speech said that it was evident from the enthusiasm that was being displayed that interest in the came had revived, and that with a good team here the old-time crowds would attend the games.

President Donati said it was the purpose of the club to place a fast team here and that nothing but clean ball will be played. He said that from letters and personal interviews, he felt that baseball Personal interviews, he test the com-would be a success in Richmond the com-

Mr. Berkely Williams, of the Traction Company, was present, and said that his company would do all they could to pro-mote the game, and he also believed that the time for a revival in baseball

was at hand.

Manager Barley Kain and Vice-President Barrett also speke in an enthusiastic manner.

"Buck" Hooker was an interested

The league at their meeting next week will probably decide to admit Danville Into the circuit, as that city has expressed a desire to come in. The circuit will em-brace Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Danville, Raleigh, Durham and Greensbero The meeting was no

meeting was not as largely attended as it would have been had the weather been good, but it was entirely sat'sfactory, Hon. Harry Glenn was one of the present who became a stockholder.

THE SITUATION A PUZZLE.

Many Rumors Current Concerning Baseball.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEW YORK, January 10.—The base-ball situation is a puzzle these days. In the West rumors of a new league, associations and a variety of base-ball bodies, bearing other meaningless names, crop up with startling regularity. The latest out of the West tells of the revival of the old of the West tensor the revixal of the old American Association, whose in-tention was to put tenms in big National League cities to play games when the big teams were on the road. These clubs were, it was said, to be under the government of the national body.

It now seems as if there was nothing in the latest rumor, at least as far as New York is concerned. President Freed-man, of the Giants, says he knows nothing of it. He says he will not be personally interested in any scheme to play a team in Manhattan Field here. He also de-nies that he is interested in the movement of "Mugsy" McGraw, and says he has had no conferences with the Baltimore player. McGraw also sends a hot denial from Baltimore. He says he will not throw down Ban Johnson, of the American League, as the Louisville Dispatch

Crescent City Races.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 10-Weather threatening; track heavy. J. F. Holt, the owner of Cathedral, and his trainer, were suspended indefinitely on account of the running of Cathedral Indian, Miss Hancier, Educate and Lady Contrary, were the winning favorites.

First race—selling, one and one cighth miles—Banquo II. (15 to 1) first, Henry of Franstamar (11-to 5) second, Albert Vale (7 to 10) third. Time, 2:07 1-2. Second race—six and a half furlongs selling-Tea Gown (3 to 1) first, Porter B. (6 to 1) second, Water Plant (19 to 1)

third. Time, 1:29 1-2.
Third race—one and a sixteenth miles—Indian (7 to 5) first, Lillian Reed (9 to 2) second, Titus (8 to 1) third. Time,

Fourth race-seven furlongs-Miss Hanover (2 to 1) first, Glen Lake (3 to 1) second, Emigre (3 to 1) third, Time, Fifth race-six furlougs, selling-Edu

Fatth face—Six luriougs, selling—Edu-cate (2 to 1) first, Novelty (30 to 1) second, Tildee (4 to 1) third. Time, 4:22 1-4. Sixth race—six furlouss, selling—Lady Centrary (7 to 10 first, Floyd Diske (30 to 1) second, Olekma (4 to 1) third. Time,

Sharkey's Views

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEW YORK, January 10.-Here is what Tom Starkey tillnks of Kid McCoy, with whom he is to have a session in the ring shortly:

McCoy is taller than I am. That will make him try for those chopping jabs over my guard. But I'll not let him land, I'll keep my guard well up and cut in a few straight lefts to the body which will make the Kid wriggle a bit, if he don't go Kid wriggle a bit, if he don't go

TOM SHARKEY.

Sloan's Plans. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

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RICHMOND, IND., January 10.—

Tod Sloan, the jockey, in a recent letter
to D. G. Biouser, his foster-father, says
that he will return to England in March
next. Sloan intends to leave California
early in February. He will go to Indiana,
and in March will leave for New York,
from where he will sail for England.

His purpose in going back is to secure
a license to ride, and he will ask for this a license to ride, and he will ask for this immediately upon his arrival on the other side. He is confident he can get it, as are also his friends, and they expect him to ride in England, as usual.

Monthly Shoot.

The Richmond Pigeon Club held their first monthly shoot at the Base-Ball Park Wednesday afternoon. The following

Handicap.	Score.
Buckner 28	18
Wood28	18
"Collins" 29	18
Stevens 30	16
Harrison 28.	13
Tignor 28	11
Vaughan 28	15
"Fairfield" 29	15
Hammond 30	16

TWENTY CRUSHED TO DEATH.

And 312 Injured in a Panic at a

Festival. (By Associated Press.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 10.—The annual popular fete of Toshi-No-Ichi, in the Kanda District of Tokio, was the scene of a terrible accident recently.

Great crowds attended the festival and when the affair was at its height a heavy rain began falling. A rush was made for shelter and a panic ensued. Twenty per-

Your Liver

Will be roused to its natural duties and your biliousness, headache and constipation be cured if you take

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

sons were crushed to death and 512 injured. Some of the buildings were burned by the upsetting of kerosene lamps.

SENATE PROVIDE TO RETIRE LEE

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injustice to the volunteers. He will conclude his speech to-morrow.

A committeee, which includes Senator
McLaurin, of South Carolina, was appointed to attend Representative Clark's funeral, and at 5:05 P. M. the Senate ad-

In the House.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The general debate on the river and harbor bill con-tinued in the House to-day until 4 o'clock, when the death of Representative Clarke, of New Hampshire, was announced, and the House adjourned out of respect to

his memory.
Vigorous attacks on the bill were made by Mr. Cushman, of Washington, and Mr. Menburn, of Iowa.

By unanimous consent the bill to revise and codify the postal laws of the United States was made a special order after the disposal of the river and harbor bill. The customary resolutions of regret at the death of Representative Clarke, of New Hamnshire, were adopted, and a committee, including Mr. Griggs, of Georgia, appointed to attend the funeral. The House then adjourned.

THOUGHT TO FAVOR CHARLESTON

Report of Naval Board Will Be Made Public To-Day.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The Naval Board, headed by Admiral Rogers, to-day submitted to Secretary Long its report relative to the advisability of transferring

the naval station from Port Royal to Charleston, S. C. Secretary Long determined not to make the report public until to-morrow, but it is generally believed among officers that the report is in favor of Charleston.

Don't Air the Solitary Caller. The Salem Times-Register instructs its

correspondents as follows:

"Avoid the poetry or verse tendency entirely. Your own poetry is something which will never do anything for you un-

which will never do anything for you unless it gets you in the almshouse. It has been said. That poets are born, not made, yet it takes months of faithful study to be able to write correctly even one stanza, so don't attempt it.

"Write little about the young man who called on his girl Sunday night. Such occurrences are very common. If there is a dance write it up; if there is a corn-husking, apple-butter boiling, etc., let us have it, but do not air the solitary caller.—Salem Sentinel.

ANY ISSUE. ANY ISSUE.

Norfolk's West India Trade.

Norfolk is building up a handsome pusiness with the West India Islands The three ships sailing regularly this port to Kingston have all the business desired. The cargoes south are com-posed of coal, cotton goods, provisions, etc., exchanged for tropical fruits which are shipped from Norfolk by rail to all interior cities. Recently one of the ships of this line disposed of its cargo in New York at very satisfactory prices. Norfolk being well located should de-

selop large trade in manufactured goods Velop large trade in manufactured goods and food products with all of the islands of the South Atlantic. The success of the West India Fruit Company shows what can be accomplished by a little grit and energy.—Norfolk Journal of Commerce.

A Little Touchy.

The young ladles of Virginia College will probably give a play in the Washington and Lee Hall in Lexington at some time in the near future.—Roanoke Times. We do not believe that such an idea has ever entered the minds of a single student or the Virginia College faculty. and that the above production is only the raving, of an unbalanced intellect and selfish disposition of some Roanoke "filip-fiap." The ladies of Virginia Col-lege are acquainted with the Buena Vista Opera House, and know too well of its adaptability to their purposes.—Buena

Parson Walker's Mill.

Pe'ham, N. C., is also a renowned Gretna Green where couples come seeking quiet marriage from places two fundred and fifty miles away, and they find ample ac-commodations. Parson Walker had a very liberal share of matrimonial patronage last year, for which he expresses much gratitude. Most of his couples were well up in years. He married a colored minisman seventy-four and his bride fifty-five, and others ranging from forty-seven down to eighteen.—Danville Register.

The Madstone. The 8-year-old son of Mr. J. S. Coleman, of Mount Cross, was badly bitten by a dog on Christmas Day. Mr. Coleman is a believer in the virtues of the madstone, and in recounting the experience in town to-day, stated that the child was carried to the world was carried to the world of progradic as the to Dr. W. H. Powell, of Ringgold, as the possibility of rables was feared, and that the doctor used the famous Ringgold enecific with satisfactory results.-Dan-

The Pole and Sign Ordinance.

The pole and sign ordinance went into The pole and sign ordinance went the effect Monday and caused the removal of all the unsightly awnings and signs which overhung the pavements. There has been many protests against this ordinance, but the change in the appearance of the city is such a manifest improvement that the merchants will soon be recorded and will colorer the law e reconciled and will endorse the law and ask for its endorsement to the letter,-Norfolk Journal of Commerce.

Governor Right,

The Governor was right. It is not the prerogative of the Executive to decide whether the condemned prisoner is a com-mon shoplifter or an aristocratic klepto-maniac. The court should decide that question.-Pulaski News-Review.

Increasing the Cousus.

It has been ascertained from good au-thority that the office of the superintendent and that of the resident engineer of the Norfolk division of the Southern Railwry will be moved to Lawrenceville the first of the year. This will be an addition of two or three families to our town.— Brunswick Gazette.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it falls to E. W. Grove's signature is on each



THE SITUATION GROWS WORSE

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forcements, Lord Coleridge in a letter excusing his non-attendance at a political meeting says:
"I loath and detest this war and the "I loath and detest this war and the policy which brought it about, the mode in which it is conducted and the undignified excitement over the defeat of a handful of peasants defending the country at the hands of ten times their number of trained soldiers, backed by the wealth of England."

of England."
This morning's dispatches report that a small party of Boers carried off cattle close to the cast fort at Pretoria. Nine

close to the cast fort at Pretoria. Nine hundred Boers, under Commandant Kritzinger, are fifteen miles from Richmond, in the direction of Murraysburg.

Rumors are spreading at Porterville that the rebels have joined the Boers in the Calvinia district.

The Military Commissioner of Police at Johannesburg has warned the public to beware of the dangerous dynamite mines laid in the Rand to protect the mines, as the authorities cannot hold themselves responsible for injuries resulting therefrom.

CEDIOLIC ATTACK BY ROFRS.

SERIOUS ATTACK BY BOERS.

Engage British Simultaneously at

Various Points. (In Associated Press.)
1.ONDON, Jan. 10.—General Kitchener
sends news of a serious simultaneous
attack on the night of January 7th, by

sends news of a serious simultaneous attack on the night of January 7th, by the Republicans on the British positions between points sixty miles apart, along the lines of the Pretoria and Lorenzo Marquez Railway. The losses on both side: were heavy. According to reports the Boers were beaten off after prolonged fighting. Fellowing is the text of the dispatch from General Kitchener: "Pretoria (Wednesday), Jan. 9. "On the night of January 7th the Boers made simultaneous and determined attacks upon all of our posts at Belfast, Wenderfontein. Nooitgedacht and Wildfontein. Intense fog prevailed and taking advantage of the cover it afforded, the Boers were able to creep up close to our position. A heavy fire continued until 2:49 A. M., when the Boers were driven off. One officer was killed and three were wounded, while twenty men were killed and fifty-nine wounded. The loss of the Boers was heavy, twenty-four dead of the Boers was heavy, twenty-four dead being counted. "A convoy taking supplies to Gordon's

"A convoy taking supplies to Gottlean Brigade, north of Krugersdorp, was attacked by Beyers Commando yesterday.
"The Boers were driven off, leaving cleven dead on the field. Our casualties were four slightly wounded."

WANT TO FIGHT.

Refugees Petition to Be A I wed to Form a Corps.

(By Associated Press,)
CAPE TOWN, Jan. 10.—The refugees are approaching the military authorities to obtain permission to form a corps for the protection of Johannesburg and the mines, as they wish to be on the Rand to assid in the defence of their own projectly. The Chamber of Mines has

property. The Chamber of Mines has adopted a similar attitude. On the Picquetberg road, the Boers oc-cupying Celvinia and Sixtheriand consist of two columns, one advancing in the di-rection of Clanwilliam and the other torection of Clanwilliam and the other to-wards Worcester, or in this direction. All passes in front of Worcester have been occupied by seasoned troops, which are gathering at strategic points. The tran-quil Dutch openly disapprove of the raid, many even sending horses to the British camp.

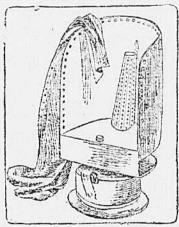
BIG FORCE OF BOERS.

They Are Supposed to Have Captured Several Garrisons.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Jan. II.—"Five thousand Boers supposed to be trekking west from Vryburg." says the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, "are now making their way into the heart of Cape Colony. The supposition is that they have captured several small garrisons on the tured several small garrisons on the

"Gas-Heated Stock-Marker.

In the use of ordinary branding irons for marking cattle with the owner's private brand they become cool so rapidly while in operation that it is necessary to provide a number of them, in order that while one is in use the others may be heated. Unnecesary pain is also caused by holding the iron on the flesh for a longer time as it begins to co prove this condition of affairs William B. Dudley of Hot Springs, Sour. Dakota brand ing iron illustrated in the cut.



BRANDING IRON AND HEATER COMBINED.

consists of a gasoline reservoir, with a pressure tank and pump, and a hollow branding iron of any desirand a hollow branding iron of any desired pattern. In operation gasoline or some other volatile liquid is placed in the reservoir. Then a platinum coil inside the perforated iron is heated by outside means. As soon as the valves are opened and the volatilized liquid begins to escape the platinum ignites it, and thereafter the gas maintains the proper degree of heat in the iron. The same apparatus can be utilized by a number of ranches by simply unscrewing the iron ranches by simply unserewing the iron and replacing it with one of a different

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Information Governing the Recepta cles for the Mail.

With the adoption of rural free delivery of the mails in various sections of Virginia, the following information given by the First Assistant Postmaster-General in regard to free delivery boxes in answer to request through the Midland Virginian, at Palmyra, Fluvanna county, will prove of interest to other sections:

1. Congress has not authorized the De

partment to require the adoption of any particular description of box for use on rural free delivery routes. 2. For the proper protection of the mails, the Department insists that the boxes put up shall be secure and appro-priate and of a character to give protec-tion from the weather and to be reason-ably proof against mischievous or mali-

cious interference.

Metallic boxes are deemed best for this purpose, and it is desired, though not imperatively required, that they should

be of uniform make. 3. Such boxes, when put up with the approval of the Postmaster General, through his authorized agents, are regarded as falling under the protection of Section 5466, United States Revised Statutes (SecAT BERRY'S.



In the whole circle of childish happiness is there anything that gives the little ones more pleasure than "New Clothing?"

Do you realize how sensitive many little children are in regard to their dress?

Here in this great

20th Century Sale

we can suit the taste of the Mother, the purse of the Father and the fancy of the "cherubs."

\$1.85 will buy Suits that were \$3.50 and \$3.00. \$2.50 will buy Suits that were \$4.50 and \$4.00. \$3.50 will buy Suits that were \$6.00 and \$5.00.

\$2.50 will buy Reefers that were \$4.00 and \$3.50. \$4.75 will buy Reefers that were \$7.00 and \$6.00. \$4.75 will buy fine Suits, Vestee, Vest and double-breasted styles, that were \$7.50 and \$7.00.

JUST ADDED!

\$3.50 will buy Overcoats that were \$5.00 and \$4.50.

will buy Overcoats \$4.75 that were \$7.50, \$7.00 and \$6.00.

These Overcoats are in Covert Top Coats and heavy Ulsters



What kind of winter is this, anyway?

One day you want a heavy overcoat: the next day a summer suit feels just right. The only way is to wear the right kind of underwear, and have a HEAVY and a LIGHT overcoat.

Little money will buy so much here now-thousands of

Suits and Overcoats

that were \$13.50, \$12.50 and 13.50, \$12.50 and \$7.50 \$10.00, are now..... \$18.00, \$16.50 and \$9.75

\$22.50, \$22.00 and \$12.75 \$30.00, \$28.00 and \$17.50

BIG REDUCTIONS IN THE



tion 1424 of the Postal Laws and Regulations), which provides that:
"Any person who shall wilfully or maliclously injure, deface or destroy any mail matter deposited in any letter box, pillar box, or other receptacle established by authority of the Postmaster General, shall be liable to a fine of not more than 500 and imprisonment for not more than

three years.

4. Postmasters are instructed to call the attention of the United States Attorney for the district to any violation of this provision of law, and to aid in the discovery and prosecution of the offender.

No Small Matter.

By the way, the establishment of the Inited States of Australia is likely have more effect on the international mails than on anything else, we imagine. If you write "U. S. A." now, no foreigner can tell what you mean unless there other material for identification.-Norf material for identification.-Norfolk Landmark.

Funeral of Mr. Bozzaotra.

The funeral services of Mr. Gennaro Bozzaotra took place at 3:30 yesterday acternoon at the residence of his uncle, Dr. W. H. Dulaney, No. 523 Cluy Street, and were conducted by Dr. W. J. Young, paster of Court-Street Methodist Church. were interred in the Presbyterian Cemetery.-Lynchburg Advan

Would Draw the Line.

That sweet Georgia singer, Sidney Lanier likeus a Gergia lane to a path that leads to heaven in a dream. If he were alive, this religious daily would re-frain from publishing his opinion of the Bristol-Blountville road after a soaking rain.—Bristol Courier.

We understand the furnace at Bristol, which went into blast recently, is now making a fundred and forty tons of metal daily. It is expected that this output will be increased to two hundred tons a day later on. The "Dora," at Pulaski, is in good shape, also turning out a large amount of iron daily of a very superior grade.-Lebanon News.

AT BERRY'S, Main and 11th Streets. FEW MORE HEADS ARE LOPPED OFF

(Continued from First Page.)

ndustrial circles that the Baltimore Steam Packet Company (Bay Line) had been purchased by the Southern Railway Company. Being a portion of the Seaboard system, the report was generally discredited, but no positive statement, either confirmatory or otherwise, could be obtained from representatives of the

steamer company.

Former Mayor Robert Davidson, a member of the managing committee of the Seaboard system, however, stated to-night that he would be in a position to know it, if negotiations were pending for the sale f the Packet Company. In his opinion he report is a Canard.

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The sale, a few days ago, of the steamer Virginia, of the Bay Line, to the Cape May and New Jersey Coast Steamship Company, may, possibly, have been the origin of the rumor. The Virginia will be used during the summer to run between Lewes, Delaware and Cape May, N. J., to connect with the Queen Ann Railway, an independent company. WHOLESALE REMOVALS.

A press dispatch from Norfolk says: "The removals at the Seaboard Air Line shops that have taken place in the last twenty-four hours are wholesale, and are in conformity with the determination of President Williams and his Board of Diectors to reduce expenses.

Telegraphic Brevities.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 10.—The British steame Tanagra arrived at Bremen yesterday from Savannah and Norfolk, with fire in her cotton cargo, six hundred bales having been damaged by fire and water. MAI KID, Jan. 10.—A dispatch from Puerto Roal, near Cadiz, where Admiral Cervera is lying ill, says his condition has grown worse, and that his recovery is almost happless.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Six brokers and outside operators who engineered the recent college of Lake Views and the consequence downfall of sixteen firms, have been compelled to pay over £390,000 for the benefit of the injured firms, under threat, it is reported, of an exposure of questionable transactions,

CAMILA, GA., Jan. 10.-Will Hines. negro, was executed here to-day for the murder of Minnie Walker, colored. HAVRE, Jan. 10.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie, bearing the American exhibit at the Paris Expesition, left Havre to-day. She will touch at New York, leaving the fine arts exhibit there, and then proceed to Baltimore.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—M. DesChanel, in resuming the presidency of the Chamber of Deputies to-day, said he would exercise his office with perfect impartiality. The Senate has re-elected M. Fallaries as president of that House, without opposition. sition.

The Fowler's Dream.

(Written for The Times.) I am sitting burning incense at the shrine

of Nick O'Teen, In a polished briar censer with a smooth and glossy stacen. And a fire crackles brightly on a bed of glowing coals
Throwing fitful fleeting shadows like
a dance of tortured souls
O'er the sturdy rough-hewn studding of
the shooting lodge's walls.
To the sound of dismal howling as the

night wind blows in squalls. In the hollows 'tween the studding rows

of guns on dress parade Butely stand at stift "attention," sil-houetted in the shade. And the roaring restless ocean plays a drowsy lot of tunes its combers crash in thunder in their battle 'gainst the dunes.

. . . . Sp.ral shafts of smoke ascending from the ample chimney-place

Take on form and fact and feature till Take on form and fact and feature till they seem to fill the space.
And I see before me standing quite unharmed amid the flame.
That delightful feathered fellow, most esteemed of all the game.
Yes, a canvas-back confronts me; but,
O, wonder and amaze.
His proportions are enormous as he stalks before the blaze!

Forth he waddles from the chimner, &50°. he towers full six feet;
And his strong gray wing restrains me,

when I seek to fly my seat. Then a troop of others follow-brave lieutenants of his race— 'Till their serried ranks are filling ev'ry corner, nook and space.

Then the Captain turns upon me and with speech distinct and clear.

Tells my doom with cruel caimness, while the ranks all echo "hear!"

"Listen well, O luckless fowler, while read your sentence thus—
'Many years you've shot our brothers
you'll not furnish sport for us; With your predatory habits, you've gon deeply in our debt.
'And you must admit in fairness, ey

for eye is good law yet. Ti-en the ranks were quickly broken and each canvas seized a gun.
On the glowing embers stacked them watched them burning, one by one, Till the Captain: "Ammunition, that is needed now, my braves, 'Ere we send our man-bird flying high

in air o'er stormy waves. Soon with wings and feet propelling, cart ridge cases there were brought
And to pile them on the embers, the

with suck precision wrought.
When the shells were piled to suit them,
and ere they began to pop,
I was forced, the most unwilling, then
and there to squat on top! O'er my head the yawning chimney point ed straight up at the moon.

And I knew the jolt was coming, comin

strong and coming soon.
I could hear the Captain murmur, "Mark!
incomers, overhead"—
With a din that was infernal and a lurid flash of red.

I went shooting from the chimney, toards the moon I 'gan to soar.

And for this one fact was grateful—
that the chimney's not choke-bore.

I went sailing swiftly upward, 'till at last it seemed to me
I was turning and was falling, falling swiftly to the sea . Whirling downward, plunging seaward, with

a speed as swift as light-

. Well now, bless me, I've dozing and my pipe is out; good-night.
ROBT. ERSKINE ROSS. Los Angeles, California. Bolsa Chica Club, December 17th, 1999.

IN YE OLDEN TIMES.

Social Life in Winchester in the Year

The Fredericksburg Free Lance publishes a long letter written at Winchester by Mrs. Swanna Knox to her daughter, at Windsor, over one hundred years are which gives a graphya discription. ago, which gives a graphic discription of social life in Winchester. The following is an extract: "Yesterday we drank ten with a Mrs

Tidball, another most delightful woman. She was bred in Philadelphia; har husband is a merchant of eminence, and she made the greatest display of plate at her tea-table that I ever saw. A large solid-silver tea urn, coffee pot, tea pot, cream pot, sugar pot, slop bowl, and a

large silver goblet on the side table, all beautifully ornamented. They live in a very large stone house. I was only in the drawing-room, that was a very very large stone house. I was only in the drawing-room, that was a very handsome one, elegantly furnished with mahogany. A settee cover with copper-plate calico, red and white, the window curtains the same, with white muslin falls drawn up in festoons with large tassels as big as my two fists.

"They serve tea about in this town in

the prettiest manner I ever saw it any-where. They have two tea-boards be-sides the one on the table, one is filled with tea and coffee, and the other with all good things you can think of: toast and butter, puff paste, queen cake, light cake, hard biscuits, thin slices of bread buttered, and small plates of chipped beef and venison ham; one servant takes one of the tea boards, and one the other, so the company is supplied with very lit-tle trouble; in short, it is the most charming place I ever was at in my life."

Susanna Stuart Fitzhugh was the Susanna Stuart Fuzaugn was the daughter of an Englishman, who set-tled in Virginia at "Boscobel." Copied from the Winchester Times (Oct. 26, 1898). Read recently at the Lit-erary Club of Fredericksburg and received with much interest. Mrs. Susan-na Kenx is buried at Falmouth. Her husband built the house now ocupied Mr. Geo. W. Shepherd.-Free Lance.

HON. HOKE SMITH.

Addressed a Chicago Audience on Conditions in the South. (By Associated Press.) CHICAGO. Jan. 10.—Hon. Hoke Smith, ex-Secretary of the Interior, spoke in this city to night

ity to-night. Mr. Smith discussed the history of the South for a century, showing how rapid had been its growth up to the Civil War, but said that its resources were not derelaped during that time as they might have been under a different system of labor. He maintained that slave labor created three classes—the very rich, the poor and the slaves—and as the first class were contented with their enormous y profitable agricultural pursuits, and the poor class unable to undertake any dével-poment, that mining, manufacturing and other commercial pursuits were neglected.

"It used to be the custom," continued Mrs. Nathan, "for women to shop every day, but nowadays the average woman ther commercial pursuits were neglected. Mr. Smith told of the progress of the South commercially from the close of the South commercially from the close of the Civil War to 1820, during which time he said the resources of the Southern States had hardly been touched. From 1830 to 1830 he said was a period of prosperity and progress, but in the first few years of the decade from 1850 to 1900 he contended there was less development, owing to the financial panic which existed. The most marked progress of the South W. Smith

marked progress of the South, Mr. Smith said, was during the last two years. Of the race problem, he said:

"The race problem is no longer a menace. It would be foolish to doubt that some friction may come in the future, but there is no reason to fear it will be more assigns then laborated. more serious than labor questions that agitate other sections. It will never compare to the struggle during the reconstruction. The way the race question was handled then is a guarantee of its handling in the future."

The Mosquito Law.

Mayor R. T. Barton's "mosquito law." which has attracted attention all over the country, and which has proved quite a success in the extermination of the mosquito pest, was made compulsory the City Council of Winchester at the last session, and a fine will be imposed for each failure to comply.-Harrisonburg News.

fatally, shot by one of his associates, who mistook him in the underbrush for a fox. Dr. Taulbee succeeded in extracting some eighty shot from the body of Mr. Combs. —Southwest Outlook (Lebanon, Va.).

Msstook Him for a Fox.

Drowned a Mad-Dog. This morning on London Street a dog with the rables was captured and killed by Mr. John Williams. The dog ran from London Street into Dinwiddle Street. When at the foot of Dinwiddle Street Mr. Williams grabbed the beast and held him

inder the water until the dog was dead .-Portsmouth Star.

Mica Mining . We understand that the mica mining We inderstand that the mica minus industry around Ridgeway is soon to be developed upon a much larger extent than formerly. Several experienced men are now locating there, and will erect a mill for grinding up the small particles of mica left when cutting out the larger sheets. This has formerly gone to waste, —Martinxiyile Standard.

-Martinsville Standard. Houston Wants the Carfew. The question of a curfew law is being

agitated in Danville. Why not have the curfew here in Houston? It seems to us that such a law would be of much good.—Record-Advertiser. Heredity in Childhood. As I look up from my desk and take an occasional glance into the homes of my boys, writes Professor Morse in Harper's Bazar, my first thought, therefore, is: How far have the parents got hold of the primary fact that this particular child is their child, with the health of mind and body which they have given it, with the peculiarities of a tempearment which a combination of theirs? If the mother is of high mood and the father low, or the

reverse, neither parent will at first quite understand certain moral eruptions which will presently appear in the child. Until they have with some care compared notes,

neither will be quite competent to say what mixture of repairing bitter juices is If it is the mother, for instance, who is of the strict Pilgrim conscience, and whose ancesters landed on Plymouth Rock, while the father comes of ancestors on whom Plymouth Rock should have landed, but did not, then, in the clash of misunder-standings at the family fireside, the little fellow with a rogulsh, tender, wistful face, who is standing at the school-house door, is likely to be to me the subject of much thought and anxiety. I may never know quite what is the interitance in the child-brain and nerves that I am wrestling with. Too often I do know that father and mother are taking turns in the training of the child, and that a confusion exists in the little mind as to what it should do: that between two standards of correct action at home the boy has set up a standard of his own.

Exercise for Weak Hearts. It is not possible to lay down any general rules as to how far it is advisable to

go in all kinds of sporting exercises and other amusements, so that no injury may be done to the heart, or as to how much bodily or mental exertion each individual is able to support. One rule, however, is applicable in all cases; Whatever the sport may be, in the beginning it should be carried on slowly, with but a slight exertion of strenght, which should then be increased very gradually. Should pal-pitation of the heart set in after any ex-ertion, it may be taken for granted that the proper amount of exercise has been surpassed. It is also advisable for those who devote themselves to any sport that requires unusual effort to have their neart examined front time to time by a physician.-Dr. J. M. Groedel, in Good Housekeeping for January.

Ethics of Shopping. Judge Choate once said: "When a man

goes shopping it is to buy something he needs right off, but when a woman goes shopping she buys things that she is sure

she will want in the future."

The New York Tribune has interviewed Mrs. Frederick Nathan, president of the Consumers' League of that city, on the shopping question. Her views are so well worthy or consideration by the world of woman kind that we reproduce the inof consideration by the world of terview:

"I look upon shopping in itself," said

W. L. DOUGLAS, THE SHOEMAN

Famous Manufacturer Tells How He Won Great Success.

W. L. Douglas, one of the best-known shoe manufacturers in America, and owner of the great factory at Brockton, Mass., which bears his name, has recently been making his annual trip across the territory between the Atlantic Ocean and the Rockies. During the tour, which lasted several weeks, he visited his sixty-two retail stores in the leading cities. Mr. Douglas is a remarkable example of a self-made man. He started into the business when a very young man, and with a comparatively small capital. Now his yearly business amounts to more than \$3,500,000. "I attribute my great success," said Mr.

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"I attribute my great success," said Mr. Douglas, "to strenuously adhering to my original plans and overlooking no opportunity to press my business. The mair thing in the line of success is to keet yourself and your goods constantly before the public. This is best done by means of advertising in general, and particularly newspaper advertising. Of course, it is necessary, first of all, to produce an article which, when purchased, will please the buyer."

Mrs. Nathan, "as a harmless diversion The shop to an ordinary woman is like the club or a saloon to a man. She often resorts to it to get away from unplensant environments. This, of course, is the wo-

environments. This, of course, is the woman who is not attracted to libraries or picture galleries for diversion, not the resourceful woman.

"The proprietors themselves do not be ject to the 'chronic shopper,' and they claim always that it is a pleasure to stow goods, for frequently the shopper becomes a buyer in spite of herself. I, for one, approve of the chronic shopper, for the more there are of this class the more of the employed will be necessary. Mark you, I think she should contine her tourings to such seasons of the year when the stores are less crowded, and she should never ask to be shown goods near closing time.

day, but nowadays the average woman is too busy, and, in fact, she need not to do it at all, for now there are professional purchasers, who will attend to it and charge nothing for their services.
"I consider that every purchaser should feel it her religious duty to do her buying in such ways as to further the welfare of those who make and sell the goods she buys. Women, however, are now realizing that individual actions have vital relation to the welfare or misery of the relation to the welfare or misery of the community in which they live, and that they owe as much responsibility in their shopping as they do in what seems at first sight broader questions. No one wittingly would care to buy stolen goods, and in the same way they would avoid smuggled goods, and so our consciences must be aroused to other duties. How few must be aroused to other duties, flow lew of us realize that every time we spend money we are actually helping to make something for good or evil? If one buys a trashy, vulgar book, another is put in to take its place, and so one is thus dissemirating low literature. There are en-tirely too many careless buyers. "Then, too, I believe that no woman

"Then, too, I believe that no woman should enter a shop to purchase after 5 o'clock in the day."

"But would not that seriously interfers with the woman who is employed, and whose working day perhaps ends at 5 o'clock?" Mrs. Nathan was asked.

"No, for, as a rule, a woman who is employed can get an hour or so off occasionally for shopping. If no one would buy after 5 o'clock the employes would be able to get away by 6 o'clock. Theobuy after 5 o'clock the employes would be able to get away by 6 o'clock. Theo-retically the shops close at 6 o'clock, but it is often 7 and after when the employes leave for home, and this necessitates their working seventy hours or more a week. The law requires that women un-der twenty-one and boys under sixteen shall work but sixty hours a week, ex-cepting during the holiday season, but this leavisited all the time and I really think Albert Combs, of Finney's, while out hunting Tuesday was painfully, if not the shoppers, more than the employers, are to blame for it. The editics of shopping, I fear, are in a very demoralized condition."

OBITUARY.

Ashby McGee.

Mr. Ashby McGee died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Walter Gathright. He was about forty years of age, and had been fil with consumption for some time.

The funeral will be held to-day at noon from Bennett's undertaking rooms.

Ashby McGee.

Honry C. Hallam, (Special Dispatch to The Times.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 .- Henry C. Hallam, a veteran of the Civil W tive of Fredericksburg, Va., of the Civil War, and ma-

yesterday morning at his re

was buried this afternoon. Mr. Hallam was sixty years of age, and leaves a widow and five thildren. The funeral was attended by the representatives of the Confederate Veterans' Association, of the Confederate Veterans' Association, or which he was a member.

He was very young when his parents' removed to Newport, Kentucky, where he resided until his enlistment in the Con-federate service at Nashville, Tennesser, at the outbreak of the Civil War. While a Confederate soldier he was captured, together with the forces of General Tight-man at Fost Henry, in 1862, and was together with the forces of General Tighl-man, at Fort Henry, in 1862, and was held prisoner for many months, but fin-ally was transferred, and re-callsted, this time in Pegram's Battalion of the Fred-ericksburg Light Artillery. At the Chan-cellorsville engagement he lost his right foot by a canister stot. After the war Mr. Hallam returned to

After the war Mr. Hallam returned to After the war Mr. Hallam returned to Kentucky and engaged in newspaper work in Covington for several years, after which he was three successive times elected clerk of the court, serving in that position for seventeen years. Following this he came to Washington to engage in a law business with his brother. ing this he came to washingers gage in a law business with his brother, Mr. O. B. Hallam. His ill-health, however, interfered much with his professional life, although he practiced before the District bar for several years. Previous to his death be had, for many months, been confined to his bed with the had.

Mr. Hallam will be long remembered by those who knew him and admired

James P. Epes.

(Special Dispatch to The Times)
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BLACKSTONE. |VA.:| Jian. 10.—Mr. James P. Epes, son of ex-Congressman James F. Epes, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., this morning at 2 o'clock. He died at the hospital where he was being treated for appendicitis. He had to undergo an operation last Monday and it was thought at that time that the chance for his recovery was good. A telegraphic message received here to-day giving information of his death was a great shock to his relatives and friends here. James C. Dickinson. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 10.—Mr. James C. Dickinson, a prominent citizen of upper Caroline county, died of parulyof upper Caroline county, died of paruly-sis to-day at his home, "Woodland," near this city, aged sixty years. A widow and seven children survive him. Interment to-morrow at "Chestnut Val-ley," the old Dickinson homestead.

DEATHS.

KAPPES.-Died, in Lynchburg, on Jan-uary 9, 1901, at 1:30 o'clock, Mr. G. L. KAPPES. KAPPES.

Dearest brother, thou hast left us,
We thy loss most deeply feel;
But 'tis God who hath bereft us—
He can all our sorrows heal.

Farewell, dearest brother;
Thou hast left us all alone;
But you have gone to live with Jesus
In that bright and happy home.
Farewell, our loving brother, Rest in
peace.—By his brothers and sisters,

peace.—By his ordered and the Ven-able-Street Bantist Church on JANU-ARY 11, 1901, at 3 o'clock P. M. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. Interment in Oakwood.